

Submission Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
Serial No. 09/926,033
Attorney Docket No. 011022

REMARKS

Applicants' Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 3-13, 15-18 and 19-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lipson et al. (EP 128014 A2) in view of Ishikawa et al. (JP 10-020491A).

Claims 24-26 were rejected as being unpatentable over Lipson et al. in view of Ishikawa as applied to claims 1, 3-13, 15-18 and 20-23, and further in view of Kawashima (U.S. Patent No. 6,048,953A).

The Examiner's rejections are primarily a restatement of the earlier Office Action from September 20, 2004. In response to the Declaration filed on March 21, 2005, the Examiner again maintains that the comparison to Lipson is insufficient. The Office Action now states that to show unexpected results "a better comparison" would be to make example V of Lipson and vary the acrylate component. The Office Action specifically lists the formula the Examiner would like to see, nonylphenoxyhexaethylenoxyacrylate, on page 7 of the Office Action.

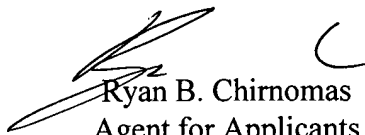
In response, Applicants provide the Examiner with the requested experimental results, in the form of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 attached hereto. Applicants have performed the requested experiments and provide the results in Experiment 12 of the Declaration.

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In Experiment 12, nonylphenoxyhexaethylenoxy acrylate (m=6) is used, but a 2, 4, 5-triarylimidazole dimmer essential in the claimed composition is not used. As shown in the table, the composition of this experiment does not generate scum, and is inferior in adhesion as compared with the claimed composition. In light of these unexpected results, Applicants respectfully argue that the rejected claims are patentable. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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Attachments: Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132